The Government for planting teak trees took away these lands for nothing. The Leader of the House has been pleased to say that these were fertile lands. I am sure that he has not seen the lands. He has some lands to be sold. The Department had been trying their level best to sell the lands at Rs. 50 for the last so many years. No one came to purchase them. It is only because they knew that the rates are such that they would not be able to gain anything out of them.

Anyhow, since the Government has said that they will look into the matter I beg the leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, with leave, withdrawn.

No. 32 Improving the prospects of the Graduates in Service by amending the note to S. O. 17.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier.—Sir, the resolution standing in my name runs thus:—

"With a view to improve the prospects of the graduates in the Government service and to increase efficiency of service this Council recommends to the Government to amend the note to section 17 of the Standing Orders to the effect that all promotions to responsible higher posts to which graduates alone are appointed length of total servie alone and not the pay has to be counted in deciding seniority.

This resolution as well as Resolution No. 38 standing in my name were intended to remove the grievances of the graduate clerks in the various departments. I find promotions in the service are governed by paragraph 17 of the Standing Orders which runs thus:—

"Subject to considerations of honesty and efficiency, promotions should be given as a rule in the order of seniority. But no official should, simply on the ground of seniority in service, be appointed to a post the duties of which he is not competent to discharge". Then the note which I propose to get amended by means of my resolution runs thus:—

"The seniority in a grade for purposes of promotion should be counted from the date of permanent appointment to that grade".

The Standing Orders gives only seniority according to the length of service. As a matter of fact, we find the pay of the respective competing claimants for promotion comes into play between them, although that fact is not specifically mentioned in the note to the Standing Order. I think I will make my point clearer by means of an illustration. There is a lot of difference between the chances of promotion for graduates in the

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Huzur Department and in some other departments, say, the Devaswom Department, because the places reserved exclusively for graduates are very small in that Devaswom department as distinct from places reserved for non-graduates in it.

Cases of this kind may occur very often. There are only one or two places which are specially reserved for the graduates; and when a promotion comes there are very many non-graduates in that department so much so that a graduate who enters into service on a pay of Rs. 20 will have to remain there drawing that pay or say, a little over Rs. 20—30 or something like that for years together because there will be no vacancies in that department which are exclusively reserved for graduates. On the other hand, let us take the case of the Huzur department where almost all the persons are gradautes. So, there are more chances of promotion there. In the course of one or two years or say at the most 3 or 4 years, a graduate who gets into the service in the Secretariat can easily get a promotion there. On the other hand, a graduate who has been in the Devaswom Department or some other minor department where the posts reserved exclusively for graduates are very small, does not get an opportunity to get a promotion so long as those departments are kept water-tight. I think there are cases where a graduate who has put in a service of 16 or 17 years in some of these departments is able to draw only Rs. 40—45 now. On the other hand, a graduate who entered long after him in the Huzur Secretariat, where there are more graduates employed, gets promotion and he will be drawing a higher pay. Now at a time when a promotion comes, if the Government is guided by the consideration of seniority in service alone under note to S. O. 17, those officers in the Huzur Secretariat or other departments will be drawing higher salary. So, on the mere ground that, that officer is drawing higher pay, he is given promotion in preference to a man who may be equally clever, who may be equally competent but who had the misfortune to get into service in some other department. I, therefore, request that the Government will be pleased to look into this question and make the necessary amendment in the Standing Orders to do justice to all those graduates in the service wherever they are, whether in the Devaswom Department or the Excise Commissioner's Office or in the Huzur Secretariat. I therefore commend this resolution to the acceptance of this House.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.— I have great pleasure in seconding this resolution. In doing so, I wish to say that except in regard to appointments, where technical or special knowledge is required, all these graduates who are competent should be given equal opportunities for promotion in the service.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.— സർ, ഈ റസല്യൂഷനെപ്പറ്റി ഒരഭിപ്രായവും ഞാൻ പറയുന്നില്ല. ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ സ്റ്റാൻറിംഗ് ഓർഡേഷ്സിനു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള പേര് ഒന്നു മാറ്റണ്ട ആവശ്യം നേരിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു തോന്നുന്നു. സ്റ്റാൻറിംഗ് ഓർഡർ എന്നല്ല മൂവിങ്ങ് ഓർഡർ എന്നോ ഷിഫ്ടിങ്ങ് ഓർഡർ എന്നോ റണ്ണിങ്ങ് ഓർഡർ എന്നോ പേരിടണം. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള മാറ്റങ്ങളാണ് സീനിയാറിട്ടി സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള സ്റ്റാൻറിംഗ് ഓർഡറിനു സ്വല്പം കാലത്തിനുള്ളിൽ വരുത്തീട്ടുള്ളതു്. ആഡിറു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽ ഇന്നു പേരുടെ അവകാശത്തെ അവഗണിച്ചു ചിലരെ മുമ്പിൽ കയറാൻവേണ്ടി സ്റ്റാൻറിംഗ് ഓഡറിനു ഈയിടെ പുതിയ വ്യാഖ്യാനം കൊടുത്തിരിയ്ക്കുന്നതായി കേൾക്കുന്നു.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, what I understood from the Member who moved the motion was that seniority in service among the clerical staff should be considered treating the staff in individul offices all as one. I suppose that is what the Hon'ble Member means. If what the Hon'ble Member wants to be done should be done, this distinction between office and office should be done away with andthe clerical staff of all the departments together should be regarded as one and after doing that, the seniority in service in theclerical grade should be made the criterion for promotion whereter that promotion be. Suppose a promotion falls in office A. All the offices should be regarded as one.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Is that the meaning of the resolution ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It can work only on that presumption. If a vacancy arises in a particular grade in office A, the claims of the clerks in all the offices together should be considered and he who has gotthe longest service should be posted to the particular vacancy in office A. That will lead to several complications and it is almost an impracticable proposition.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduwal.—You need not post him to that place. You can depute him.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—You cannot give him that salary unless you post him to that work. Then there won't be any appointment. There will only be deputations. There are great difficulties in this matter. Ican admit that certain offices are in a more advantageous position than certain other offices. But I do not know how to get over that difficulty unless you regard the entire clerical staff as one and post clerks from office A to office B irrespective of his experience, of his qualifications and of the way in which he mightbehave himself in that office.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthssan.—The resolution applies only to graduate clerks.

Rama Varmha Tampuran—That does not affect the principle. It is not one or two that are graduate clerks. There are 50 or 60 or even 100. The difficulty of the situation will not be obviated by restricting the provision to graduate clerks alone. That is the difficulty. The note that the Hon'ble Member for South Ezhuvas has in mind and about which he characterises the Standing Orders, as shifting orders or moving orders is the order with regard to the acting hands and there again, the blame is not on the Government. It was done so to say upon complaints and pressure brought about from several sides including perhaps Hon'ble Members of this House. If we say "Well, we have passed final orders. We won't look into the matter again", the complaint will be "New case has arisen, new circumstances have come up. In equity should not you look into the whole question again." The whole question is re-opened ; another file is floated ; it begins to attract correspondence from all sides; it grows like a crystal in a liquid solution. That is the difficulty. That is how the Standing Order No. 16 came to be changed one or twice during the last two years. The particular note has been fairly permanent for the last many years. There is great difficulty in accepting the amendment brought by the Hon'ble Member. Government therefore oppose the rosolution.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I think, the Government admits the justice of the demand made. But what stands in their way is their difficulty of transferring these clerks or keeping a common register of these clerks.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The difficulty is not in keeping a register. A clerk who has got experience in a particular office will have to be transferred to another office of which he has no experience. You cannot do that very often.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I do not think that there is anything in that argument because clerical work is almost the same in every department.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Absolutely not. It is not the same in all departments.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, these graduates will easily pick up the work. After all, we know what the kind of work that these clerks are given. They are graduates having some initiative and they will certainly adapt themselves to the conditions in which they are placed. So I think there is absolutely no force in the argument that a clerk from the Devaswom Department or the Police Commissioner's Office if transferred to

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the Huzur Secretariat will not be able to do the work that he has to do there. It is really doing a great injustice to these graduate clerks. After all, they are only very few in those departments and it will not be difficult for the Government to keep a register of the graduate clerks with the number of years' service noted, so that they may also improve by means of constant change. This is a question which I expected the Government would consider; and since they were not even prepared to do that, I regret. I think that it is more the look out of the Government to have their work done by their own subordinates. I think it would be difficult for them to do it with a discontented staff. But if the Government think that they can manage with this discontent in the heart of these graduate clerks, of course, I leave it to them. I therefore beg the leave of the House to withdraw this resolution.

The Motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

At this stage the permanent President Mr. C. G. Herbert Esq., I. C. S., took the Chair.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I move that the rest of the business of this Council be adjourned.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—I second it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I oppose it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Poll, Sir.

The House divided—Ayes 24, Noes 1 and Neutrals 13.

Ayes.

1.	Mr. K. Ayyappan.	13.	Mr. A. I. Mani.
2.	,, C. Barton Wright.	14.	,, Paul P. Mampilli.
3.	,, M. A. Chakko.	15.	,, Popat Lal Govardhan Lalan.
4.	,, A. Eachara Menon.	16.	,, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.
5.	,, George Chakyamuri.	17.	,, M. K. Raman.
6.	,, Joseph Petta.	18.	Dr. A. R. Menon.
7.	,, P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.	19.	Mr. A. Sankara Menon.
8.	,, S. S. Koder.	20.	Dr. K. Sankara Menon.
9.	,, M. Krishna Menon.	21.	Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.
10.	,, P. Krishna Menon.	22.	Mrs. Swaris.
11.	,, T. K. Nayar.	23.	Mr. K. P. Vallon.
12.	,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.	24.	Mr. P. C. Varkey.

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Noes.

1. K. M. Ibrahim.

Neutrals.

1. Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.
2. ,, V. K. Aravindaksha Menon
3. ,, M. P. Cherian.
4. ,, E. Ikkanda Warrier.
5. ,, C. J. Mathew.
6. ,, I. N. Menon.
7. ,, T. Narayana Menon.
8. ,, P. Neelakanda Menon.
9. Dr. Raghavendra Rao.
10. Rama Varmha Tampuran.
11. Mr. P. V. Raphael.
12. ,, P. V. Subramania Ayyar.
13. ,, Thomas Manjuran.

The following Resolutions Standing in the Agenda lapsed for want of time.

Mr. A. SIVARAMA MENON.

33. This Council recommends to the Government that steps be taken without delay to solve the problem of unemployment among the educated as well as the uneducated sections of the people of the State.

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നമ്പ. ഒരു പ്രാവശ്യം തോല്ക്കുന്ന അധഃകൃതവിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് അടുത്ത കൊല്ലത്തേക്കുകൂടി സഹായധനം അനുവദിക്കുണമെന്നു് ഈ സഭ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനോടു ശുപാർശ ചെയ്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

35. This Council recommends to the Government to take early steps to open water communication to Kunnamkulam.

Mr. K. M. IBRAHIM.

36. This Council recommends to the Government to establish a popular Government in this State that would give prominence to the welfare of the property-less majority, the labourers and the peasants.

Mr. A. EACHARA MENON.

37. That this Council recommends to the Government that a reduction of 30 per cent be made in the land tax for this year.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARRIAR.

38. This Council recommends to the Government to take over-graduate clerks from the offices of the Heads of Departments to the Huzur Secretariat whenever vacancies occur instead of giving regular promotions there.

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Mr. K. M. IBRAHIM.

39. This Council recommends to the Government to own the means of production and distribution.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARRIAR.

40. This Council recommends to the Government to provide free reading rooms and libraries in all the important villages in the State.

Mr. K. M. IBRAHIM.

41. This Council recommends to the Government to annul Sirkar levies on small enterprises of the public.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARRIAR.

42. This Council recommends to the Government to provide rest houses for homeless and disabled beggars in all the towns of the State.

Mr. K. M. IBRAHIM

43. This Council recommends to the Government to declare a Moratorium in favour of labours and peasants.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARRIAR.

44. This Council recommends to the Government to construct a bridge over the Manali river at Koottanakkal (കൂത്തനാക്കൽ) in the Kozhukully village.

Mr. K. M. IBRAHIM.

45. This Council recommends to the Government to work out a full fledged Debt Redemption Scheme.

46. This Council recommends to the Government to substitute Repression in politics by love and counterpropaganda.

47. This Council recommends to the Government to adopt a more vigorous policy regarding labour repressions, especially of rural parts by people placed in a more advantageous position.

48. This Council recommends to the Government to stop the practice of a separate Budget for Cranganur.

49. This Council recommends to the Government to charge super-tax on the superior grades of income, both of individuals and corporations.

50. This Council recommends to the Government to copy here the connection between defamation and breach of peace of the English Law.

51. This Council recommends to the Government to industrialize the country under State-ownership and State-control.

52. This Council recommends to the Government to exempt all our land-holdings of one acre and less from taxation completely.

Ms. J. SWARIS.

53. This Council recommends to the Government that considering the unfortunate situation of the Work Superintendents of the Public Works Department, they may be pleased to revise the grade of their pay so as to enable them to retire on a pension of Rs. 30. The grade may, therefore be fixed as Rs. 25—40—60 as recently sanctioned for Typists.

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൫൫. ഭ്രാന്താസ്പത്രി, സിവിൽആസ്പത്രി, ജയിൽ എന്നീ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ വിസിറ്റു ചെയ്യുവാൻവേണ്ടി ഓണറിവിസിറ്റേഴ്സിനെ നിയമിച്ചതുപോലെ ഈ രാജ്യത്തെ അധികൃതകോളനികൾ വിസിറ്റു ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഓണറിവിസിറ്റേഴ്സിനെ നിയമിക്കണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ ഗവൺമെൻറിനോട് ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. A. EACHARA MENON.

55. That this Council recommends to the Government that no person shall be drafted to the Government service during the period of his membership in the Legislative Council.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARRIAR.

56. This Council recommends to the Government to take immediate and necessary steps to control the importation and dumping of foreign paddy and rice into the State.

Mr. P. KRISHNA MENON.

57. This Council resquests the Government to issue orders to disburse the gratuity sanctioned to the widows and children of persons who died while in service, in one instalment instead of three as is now said to be proposed.

Mrs. J. SWARIS.

58. This Council recommends to the Government that the superannuation of the non-English knowing hands among the Anchal-Masters, clerks and sorters of the Cochin Anchal Department may be fixed at the age of 50 as in the case of the non-English knowing hands in the Registration Department, with a view to promote efficiency in the Anchal Department by appointing qualified hands sooner.

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൫൯. വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ താമസിക്കുന്ന ഹോസ്റ്റലുകൾക്ക് കൂടുതൽ വാട്ടർ സപ്ലൈ അനുവദിക്കുണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ ഗവൺമെൻറിനോട് ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARRIAR.

60. This Council recommends to the Government to take immediate and necessary steps to prevent the importation and dumping of foreign cocoanuts and copra into the State.

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൬൧. അധികൃത സംരക്ഷണവകുപ്പും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവകുപ്പും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ മേലധ്യക്ഷന്റെ കീഴിലാക്കിക്കിട്ടുന്നതു് അധികൃതർക്കു വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിനു ഗുണകരമാകയാൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു തമ്മിൽ യോജിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ഈ സഭ ഗവൺമെൻറിനോടു് അഭ്യർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Statement by Mr. P. Krishna Menon on behalf of the Members.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sir, this is the last meeting of the third Cochin Legislative Council and now that the business

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